

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

MAYOR: Louie A. Trujillo

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero *Arrived at 3:05 pm*
Elaine Rodriguez
Michael L. Montoya *Absent*
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Leo Maestas, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Scott Aaron, City Attorney
Eric Padilla, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trujillo called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trujillo asked for a moment to give thanks to all the good things happening in the community of Las Vegas and salute to those who help the citizens.

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Gabriel Estrada and to keep his family in our prayers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Rodriquez made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Yes
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City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., made a motion to approve the minutes for July 14, 2021. Councilor Rodriquez seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Yes
David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Trujillo recognized the Fiesta Committee for their hard work. Mayor Trujillo advised he hadn't heard one bad thing about the Fiestas and stated the community loved the bands, the staging and the sound.

Events Planner/Film Liaison Chuck Griego reported on the expenditures for the 2021 Fourth of July Fiestas. Events Planner/Film Liaison Griego spoke about what could be done differently for next year's Fiestas and the need for more people to help on the Fiesta Committee.

Councilor Rodriquez recommended getting input from the Youth Commission.

Councilor Romero advised they did a great job with the Fiestas under the circumstances they were in and there are great expectations for next year.

Mayor Trujillo recommended the National Anthem be performed before the Fireworks display.

Discussion took place regarding local bands and structuring the pay for bands during the Fiestas.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Request approval of Resolution No. 21-32 to approve the final 2020-2021 DFA Financial Report for submission to DFA Local Government Division.

Finance Director Jesus Baquera and Deputy Finance Director Dominic Chavez discussed the DFA report and the need to submit the DFA report by July 31st.

Councilor Romero stated for the record the resolution states, "It is hereby certified that the contents in this report are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and that this report depicts all funds for fiscal year 2020-2021", and asked Finance Director Baquera if he was okay with that.

Finance Director Baquera stated that, yes he was.

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-32 for the final 2020-2021 DFA Financial Report for submission to DFA Local Government Division. Councilor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Resolution 21-32 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

Resolution No. 21-32

A RESOLUTION FOR THE FINAL FY 2021-2022 DFA REPORT

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a Final Budget for fiscal year 2021-22; and

WHEREAS, the final quarterly report has been reviewed and approved to ensure the accuracy of the beginning balances used on the fiscal year 2021-22; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby certified that the contents in this report are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and that this report depicts all funds for fiscal year FY 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, it is the majority opinion of this governing body the Final Budget meet the requirements as currently determined of fiscal year 2021-2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals and any exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body hereby approves the aforementioned final quarterly report and respectfully request approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of July 2021.

Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST: _____ Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Yes
David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Request approval of Resolution No. 21-30 to adopt Final Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget for submission to DFA Local Government Division.

Councilor Rodriquez advised she liked how individuals were placed in their positions in the 2021 and 2022 budget but wanted an explanation on how some individuals received large salary increases over a year. Councilor Rodriquez also asked why some individuals were making more than a Supervisor or Director.

Finance Director Baquera advised it could be individuals who had an involuntary transfer and the salary went with them.

Councilor Romero asked if the budget reflected negotiations for both the Fire and Police departments.

Finance Director Baquera advised that no monies would be transferred to the departments to cover wages.

Councilor Romero advised for the record if the Police Department received any funding to address the drug issues in the community.

Finance Director Baquera advised no.

City Manager Maestas advised they had discussed combining 4 vacant positions into 2 to assist in narcotics.

Discussion and questions took place regarding a large increase in the Lodgers Tax promotion fund for publication and advertisements, monies for the wishlist from the retreat, the need to invest in infrastructure, salary increases for employees and the contract with Souder Miller for the level IV operator.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-30 to adopt Final Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget for submission to DFA Local Government Division. Councilor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Resolution 21-30 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

Resolution No. 21-30

A RESOLUTION FOR THE FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a Final Budget for fiscal year 2021-22; and

WHEREAS, said budget was developed on the basis of need through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors, City Administration and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the official meeting for the review of Said documents was posted publicly on July 30, 2021 in compliance with State Open meetings Act, and

WHEREAS, it is the majority opinion of this governing body the Final Budget meet the requirements as currently determined of fiscal year 2021-2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals and any exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body hereby approves the aforementioned final budget request and respectfully requests approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of July 2021.

Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Request approval of Resolution No. 21-33, disposal of six (6) police vehicles, sixty (60) ballistic vests, and seventeen (17) M26 tasers.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the process for disposing of police vehicles, procurement issues regarding the wrecker service receiving the money for the disposal of the vehicles,

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-33, disposal of six (6) police vehicles, sixty (60) ballistic vests, and seventeen (17) M26 tasers. Councilor Ulibarri Jr, seconded the motion.

Resolution 21-33 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

Resolution No. 21-33

A RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE/DESTROY (6) VEHICLES (60) BALLISTIC VESTS, AND 17 M26 TASERS

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") wishes to dispose of the following six (6) vehicles:

2011 Chevy Impala VIN# 2G1WD5EM0B1270546 Odometer 84,000 Total loss wreck

2013 Ford Taurus VIN# 1FAHP2M84DG119182 Odometer 91,017 Major steering and engine issues

2013 Ford Taurus VIN# 1FAHP2M86DG119183 Odometer 97,844 Total loss wreck

2009 Dodge Charger VIN# 2B3LA43T59H620036 Odometer 80,967 Major main computer issues

2014 Ford Explore VIN# 1FM5K8AR7EGA92102 Odometer 227,392 Blown engine

2010 Dodge Charger VIN# 2B3CA4CT2AH145983 Odometer unknown Blown engine

Sixty (60) Ballistic vests that are expired past their safety date

17 M26 Tasers that are obsolete and nonfunctional

WHEREAS, the "City" will dispose all said equipment by having them hauled off by a wrecker disposal company and crushed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas hereby declares the Disposed Vehicles and excess property which are not needed for any City purpose of function, and the City Police Department shall arrange for a wrecker service to dispose of the Vehicles and equipment.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of July, 2021.

Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Elaine Rodriquez	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Romero asked for the record that the vehicles be disposed of properly.

Request approval to accept Police Chief Adrian Crespin's resignation, effective July 30, 2021.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve/accept Police Chief Adrian Crespin's resignation, effective July 30, 2021. Councilor Rodriguez seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes	Elaine Rodriguez	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Romero made a motion to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussing limited personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, pertaining to police matters. Councilor Rodriguez seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Elaine Rodriguez	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Romero made a motion to exit executive session and reconvene into regular session after being in executive session for the purpose of discussing limited personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 and only those matters were discussed and no action was taken. Councilor Rodriguez seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes	Elaine Rodriguez	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Rodriguez advised she's received a lot of calls from residents that are happy with the clean up around the city.

ADJOURN

Councilor Romero made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Elaine Rodriquez	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes		

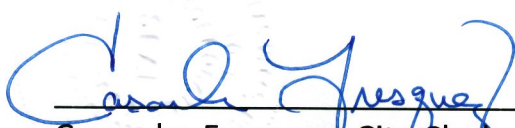
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk